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Dear Citizens of Louisiana:

It is with great pleasure that I present the 2005-2006 Louisiana School-Based Health Centers' Annual Services Report. It has been quite a year. Hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated southern Louisiana. The hurricanes forced the closure of 6 school-based health centers (SBHCs) in Orleans and Cameron parishes and damaged sites in Jefferson, Washington, and St. Helena parishes.

SBHC staff from the remaining health centers across the state came together and worked with local medical and social service agencies to assist nearly 1400 evacuated students and their families with their needs. Through the generous funding of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and other charitable organizations, SBHCs were able to quickly mobilize and expand their capacity to provide much needed medical, social and mental health services during this time of crisis.

Now, as Louisiana recovers from these storms, SBHCs are rebuilding in New Orleans and Cameron Parish. In addition, Governor Blanco and the Louisiana Legislature are committed to funding SBHC expansion. During the 2006 Legislative Session, an additional \$1.6 million was allocated for SBHCs for fiscal year 2007. These dollars, along with W. K. Kellogg Foundation dollars awarded to Louisiana Public Health Institute for school-based care, will fund 10 SBHC planning grants in 2007.

Over the past 20 years Louisiana SBHCs have gained in popularity among communities. In the Spring of 2006, the W. K. Kellogg Foundation commissioned the Lake Research Partners to conduct a national telephone survey of registered voters. It is no surprise that the survey found that voters in Louisiana, more than any other state, express strong support for providing health care in schools. Louisiana voters recognize that not only are SBHCs a means to increasing access to health services but also to much needed mental health services for children.

Louisiana is recognized as a national leader in school-based health care. It is with great pleasure that I salute the challenging and important work of SBHC staff across the State and sincerely thank them for all they did and continue to do in the aftermath of the hurricanes.

Sincerely,

Frederick P. Cerise, M.D., M.P.H.
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Executive Summary

School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs) are designed to serve and support children, providing quality comprehensive physical and mental health care. SBHC services include: preventive health care, physical examinations, immunizations, laboratory testing, prescription medications, case management for chronic diseases (such as diabetes and asthma), mental health services, care for acute illness and injury, and referral services.

The SBHCs serve as the link between education and health care systems by bringing health expertise to children at school, where they spend the majority of their time. In the SBHCs, the children have access to professionals who are trained to focus on behavioral health and health education issues.

The staff is also available to respond in a time of school-wide and community crisis, as demonstrated by the tragic events of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The SBHCs provided a safe haven for evacuated children and their families to receive needed services after the storms.

The accomplishments and success of SBHCs are achieved through community support and partnerships. SBHCs work closely with school administrators, local social service agencies, health care providers, parents, students, business and religious leaders to meet the needs of students.

Section One, Program Highlights and Overview, details the history of the program, current location of SBHCs, the year's important events, standards governing operation, the continuous quality improvement program, and SBHCs' Best Practice Guidelines.

Section Two, Who Visits SBHCs and Why, graphically displays why students visit SBHCs, including the leading reasons for a clinic visit. It includes information on visits by grade, gender, and ethnicity.



Section Three, Louisiana SBHCs Profiles, contains descriptive information on each SBHC, including names of community partners and advisory committee members.

Appendices A-C include (A) examples of diagnoses regularly seen in the SBHC; (B) the text of the state law that created the program; (C) and the financial statement for the Adolescent School Health Initiative/Office of Public Health for state fiscal year 2005-2006.

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